

**SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COMMON COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF PLATTSBURGH, NEW YORK**

December 23, 2014

5:50 P.M.

MINUTES

Present: Mayor James Calnon, Councilors Rachelle Armstrong (W1), Mike Kelly (W2), Dale Dowdle (W3), Paul O'Connell (W4), Becky Kasper (W5), Joshua Kretser (W6)

Absent: None

1. PAYROLLS OF VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS:

RESOLVED: That the payrolls of the various Departments of the City of Plattsburgh for the week ending December 24, 2014 in the amount of \$ 291,090.07 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and the City Clerk are hereby empowered and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kretser; Seconded by Councilor Armstrong

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

2. AUDIT OF CLAIMS:

RESOLVED: That the bills Audited by the Common Council for the week ending December 26, 2014 in the amount of \$ 808,915.79 are authorized and allowed and the Mayor and City Clerk are hereby authorized and directed to sign warrants drawn on the City Chamberlain for the payment thereof.

By Councilor Kelly; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

3. PERSONS ADDRESSING COUNCIL:

Bill Drew 13 Mason Drive appreciated the Council's frugality with the budget but is in support of the Promotions and Special Events Coordinator position remaining in the budget.

Kristy Kennedy North Country Chamber of Commerce spoke in support of the Promotions and Special Events Coordinator position remaining in the budget to bring new events that will have an economic impact to the City of Plattsburgh and especially the Battle of Plattsburgh celebration. She believes this along with the Chamber of Commerce partnership is needed to help with existing and new events for the City of Plattsburgh.

4. OTHER ITEMS:

A. RESOLVED: that the Common Council amends the Mayor's Budget by reducing the Regular Pay line of the Recreation Complex in the amount of \$43,262, which the Mayor had budgeted for a Promotions and Special Events Coordinator position, and the associated fringe benefits changes that this payroll change generates.

By Councilor Kasper; Seconded by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion:

Councilor Kasper explained her reason for bringing this is because of the budget deficit and she did not see this as an essential position. Although she thinks it is a great idea and can be an important position for the city in the future.

[further discussion]

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser
(Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell and Kretser voted in the negative. Councilor Kasper voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Defeated

Follow up Action: None

B. Motion to adopt the Common Council proposed 2015 Budget, last revised on December 22nd, 2014.

By Councilor Armstrong; Second by Councilor Dowdle

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

[Requires 4 affirmative Council votes; Mayor cannot break tie.]

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

C. RESOLVED: In accordance with the request therefore the Common Council approves the proposed 2015 Budget, last revised on December 22nd, 2014, as evidenced by the attached 2015 Budget Resolution making appropriations for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015, and ending December 31, 2015, and levying the property tax for the fiscal year 2015, as further evidenced by the attached 2015 Tax Warrant for the City of Plattsburgh and the County of Clinton's 2015 tax warrant certifying the City of Plattsburgh share of the 2015 County tax levy. The City of Plattsburgh report of the Summary of 2015 Operating Budget by Fund is further attached, with the twenty-six year tax assessment, tax rate, tax levy comparison report, the City Assessor's reports of the 2014 tax roll, omitted taxes and S495 Exemption Impact Report, and the complete Common Council Budget dated December 22nd, 2014, along with the 2015 Capital Expenditure Plan.

By Councilor Armstrong; Second by Councilor Kelly

Discussion: None

Roll call: Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

[Requires 4 affirmative Council votes; Mayor cannot break tie.]

(All voted in the affirmative)

ACTION TAKEN: Adopted

Follow up Action: None

Motion to Adjourn by Councilor O'Connell; Seconded by Councilor Kretser

Roll call Councilors Armstrong, Kelly, Dowdle, O'Connell, Kasper, Kretser

(All voted in the affirmative)

MEETING ADJOURNED: 6:14pm